GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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DECONTROLLED PRICES OF ATF
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently decontrolled the prices of Aviation Turbine Fuel and permitted oil companies to fix their prices;

(b) if so, whether the prices of other petroleum products would also be decontrolled;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): The prices of aviation turbine fuel have been decontrolled with effect from 1-4-2001.

(b) to (e): At present the prices of all petroleum products except diesel, motor spirit, domestic LPG and kerosene for public distribution are decontrolled. Pursuant to Government decision taken in November, 1997 on the phased programme of dismantling of administered pricing mechanism, the subsidy level on domestic LPGare required to be reduced to 15% of import parity and that on PDS Keroseneto 33.33% of import parity by 2001-2002. On full de-regulation, 2002 onwards, these subsidies will be transferred to the fiscal budget of the Government.